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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 2542

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IZ, IR

SUBJ: IRAN-IRAQ BORDER AGREEMENT

REF: TEHRAN 2483

1. TEXT OF AGREEMENT STILL NOT AVAILABLE, NOR IS TEXT OF
MINUTES OF TEHRAN MEETINGS REFERRED TO IN COMMUNIQUE.
THERE IS SOME CONFUSION OVER JUST WHAT DOCUMENTS WERE SIGNED
IN TEHRAN. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE (BEING POUCHED TO DEPT.,
BAGHDAD AND ALGIERS) REFERS BOTH TO A PROTOCOL CONTAINING
PROVISIONS OF ALGIERS ACCORD AND TO MINUTES OF TEHRAN MEETINGS.
YET DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MANUCHEHR AZIMA
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TOLD DCM MARCH 18 THERE WERE ONLY TWO DOCUMENTS: COMMUNIQUE

AND MINUTES. PERHAPS MINUTES INCLUDE TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL.

2. ACCORDING TO AZIMA, LENGTHY MINUTES RECORD DETAILS OF SUCH PROCEDURAL ISSUES AS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOVIET, GERMAN AND ARGENTIANIAN CONCEPTS OF "THALWEG", MAPS TO BE USED IN DELINEATING BORDER, PRECISE LEGAL STATUS OF 1913 CONSTANTINOPLE TREATY, AND GENERAL DEFINITION OF KURDISH ISSUE. AZIMA CONFIRMED THAT KURDS WILL BE ALLOWED TO MOVE BOTH WAYS ACROSS BORDER UNTIL APRIL 1. HE ASCRIBED LENGTH OF TEHRAN MEETINGS TO NEED T COMPLETE STAFF WORK WHICH HAD NOT BEEN DEVELOPED BEFORE ALGIERS MEETINGS.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE POSITIVE TREATMENT GIVEN BORDER NEGOTIATIONS BY IRANIAN PRESS, ISRAELI, TURKISH AND OTHER DIPLOMATS REMAIN SKEPTICAL THAT IRAN AND IRAQ CAN OVERCOME PAST ANIMOSITIES SOON. WE SHARE THIS ASSESSMENT. SETTLEMENT OF ALL THORNY ISSUES REMAINS (REFTEL).
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